

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending and allowed in the application prior to entering this amendment.

The applicants amend claim 1 for the reasons we indicate below.

Claims 1-8 remain in the case after entering this amendment.

The Applicants add no new matter.

Interview Summary

Examiner Ho telephoned the undersigned on March 12, 2005, to indicate that he would reject claims 1-4 over art presented by the applicants in their information disclosure statement filed after the Examiner mailed the Notice of Allowance. Examiner Ho told the undersigned he would reject claims 1-4 over Ingalls (U.S. Pat. No. 6,178,501).

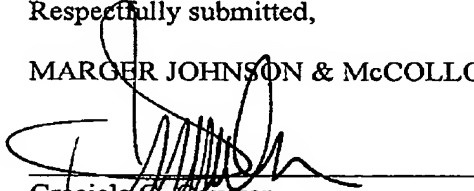
In a subsequent telephonic conference on March 15, 2005, Examiner Ho and the undersigned agreed that adding the limitation "after receiving a precharge command" to the receiving element of claim 1 would result in claims 1-4 being allowable over all the record art. The applicants so amend the claims in the interest of expedited prosecution without agreeing that Ingalls or any other record art renders original claims 1-4 unpatentable.

Conclusion

Applicants request the Examiner confirm his allowance of all claims as currently pending in the case. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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